

to do, for 10,000 men to go up here in this conspicuous place on Mt. Tabor. Well, it is silly, unless you read the next verse. The next verse continues with a divine prediction: God is going to deliver the Israelites. He says, "And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon, (that sluggish little stream that flows through the plain of Esdrael down at the foot of Mt. Tabor) Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand."

Now I think that Barak knew when he heard this, what the plan was, that he knew it was a good strategy. And we find as we read on in this chapter and in the next chapter little hints which make absolutely clear what the strategy was and how it worked out. Here is this plain of Esdrael down at the foot of Mt. Tabor and in the plain there is the little stream which flows down through it. It is a nice place to camp, and Sisera may come to that place with his 900 chariots of iron and his horses and encamp there, and all he has to do is to wait; and as long as dry weather continues, he can just wait there, and the Israelites will eventually have to come down and be destroyed. But let it begin to rain, and you have a different story. Let a real heavy rain come, and that great plain of Esdrael there becomes a marsh, and the river Kishon, that little stream, becomes a great roaring torrent, tearing down through the valley there. The land is all a marsh around, and the wheels of the chariots sink in the mire and the horses can't pull them, and the horses will sink down deep into the wet soil. The horses are caught there, and the chariots are a hindrance and not a help, 900 chariots of iron and two or three Canaanites to each one,- a total of not over 2500 people, But attacked by 10,000 men rushing down the mountainside they are absolutely at their mercy. God said, I am going to put an end to this oppression from the Canaanites. You go up to Tabor, and I will